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- (iii) possibly amplifying the nucleic acid with at least one primer,
 - (iv) hybridizing the nucleic acids of the biological sample at appropriate conditions with one or more probes according to claim 39, with said probes being possibly attached to a solid substrate,
 - (v) possibly washing at appropriate conditions,
 - (vi) detecting the hybrids formed,
 - (vii) inferring the presence of one or more genotypes of HCV present from the observed hybridization pattern. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 24-57 have been added and are pending. No new matter has been added.

Return of an initialed and dated copies of the attached PTO-1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP 609 is requested.

Attached is a Request that the computer readable copy of this Sequence Listing from the grand-parent Patent Application No. 08/362,455, be used for the present application.

The attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing (submitted as part of the application) is the same as the computer-readable and paper copies of the Sequence Listing filed in the grand-parent Application No. 08/362,455. No new matter has been added.

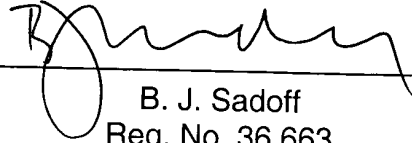
Early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

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